

FANTASY MAKEUP WORKSHOP NOTES



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Learn to create fantasy makeup designs through discovery, research, planning and overall character development. Explore the use of gems, glitter, paints and more in this exciting and imaginative genre of makeup!

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WHAT IS FANTASY MAKEUP?

When speaking of Fantasy Makeup people most often think of exotic colors, glitter and gems. These are some of the most common components used in fantasy makeup and knowing the easiest and most efficient procedures to apply (and remove) them will make your job as a makeup artist much simpler for both you and the actor/model.

GEMS/GEMSTONES:

Different types of gems can be adhered to the skin and found in many places including makeup and costume supply stores, craft stores such as Hobby Lobby or Michaels or at online specialty stores craft and hobby stores. These gems may be acrylic, glass or crystal rhinestones. Other materials such as feathers and flowers can be used as well.

When working with gems I prefer to use the flat back self adhesive craft gemstones (found in craft and hobby stores) along with a cohesive product made specifically for bonding materials to the skin such as spirit gum, Pros Aide Medical Adhesive, AdMed Adhesive, eyelash glue or wig glue.

ADHESIVES/GLUE/BONDING AGENTS:

Please do not use any other type of glue or binding agent on the skin. NO Crazy Glue, Super Glue, nail glue, or anything else not specifically labeled as an adhesive for the SKIN!

Other “glues” and “bonding agents” are not formulated and approved for use on the skin (especially the face) and may contain potent chemicals that can cause redness, swelling, itching, red bumps and other symptoms associated with allergic reaction including anaphylactic shock. Some of these “glues” may also contain TOXIC material and could do severe damage once absorbed into the skin. Please stay away from these products unless you are repairing a roof!

I prefer to use spirit gum when applying gems to the face and body and Duo eyelash glue only when applying gems to the “liner area” above and below the eye.

I choose spirit gum most often because it is an inexpensive adhesive that has been around for many years and has proven itself as a high quality bonding agent for the skin, well tolerated by most, easy to apply, easy to use and easy to remove. What more could you ask for?

Before you apply any type of adhesive, latex or other product on the skin be sure to carry out an allergy test on all products and prepare the skin for the application.

APPLYING ADHESIVE:

- When at all possible it is best to start with a clean dry area
- Start by choosing the pattern and shape that you have designed for the gems, glitter and color. Plan on your face chart first then use it as a guide.
- Allow Spirit Gum to get tacky on the skin before applying any materials.
- Be sure to work in small sections (depending how quickly you are applying the gems) so that the spirit gum does not dry before you apply your gem. If it does you can always brush more on.

GLITTER:

When applying any type of loose pigment or glitter apply a crème base to the skin first such as a crème shadow, thick concealer or eye shadow primer

I like to use an inexpensive craft brush to use when applying glitter as these brushes can be disposed of easily without the hassle of trying to clean glitter out of your favorite makeup brush.

- Dip the brush into the container of clean water and blot on paper towel. This will allow the glitter to stick to the brush easily without going everywhere.
- Dip the brush into the glitter and tap off the excess.
- Apply glitter with a patting motion pressing the glitter or loose pigment into the cream base that you have applied.
- Brush off glitter that gets onto an unwanted area of the face with a clean dry brush or a cotton swab (Q-Tip) damp with makeup remover.

FINAL NOTES:

Remember to set all makeup with Mehron Barrier Spray or Ben Nye Final Seal and allow it to dry completely.